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Figure in JFK Probe Among Plane Victims

NEW ORLEANS (AP)—George Piazza, II, one of the Delta Airlines pilots killed Thursday in the crash of a DC8 jet, was an attorney for one of the figures in Dist. Atty. Jim Garrison's Kennedy assassination conspiracy probe.

The 30-year-old Piazza, who combined the careers of pilot and attorney, was also a cousin of Marguerite Piazza, the well-known operatic singer.

Piazza was the counsel for James Lewallen, a onetime roommate of David W. Ferrie. Garrison claims Ferrie, who died Feb. 22, was one of the group which conspired here to kill Kennedy.

Piazza won the top law award from Loyola University School of Law here when he was graduated in 1964. In 1965, he became an assistant district attorney under Garrison but resigned in 1966.

Lewallen, who has been questioned by Garrison's staff, is also a pilot, as was Ferrie.